

I have been a flight attendant for over 4 years and strongly oppose the use of cell phones in the air. Please for safety of the passengers and the aircraft, do not allow this to be approved.

Over the years passengers have gotten more and more out of control on the a/c, it would be impossible to control the a/c in an emergency if the passengers were on cell phones.

Currently, the introduction announcement asks that all cell phones be turned off when the front a/c door is shut. Passengers DO NOT listen to this rule already. They continue to talk and when we ask them to please hang up, they get quite rude. Many have stood up and walked to the back of the a/c to yell at a f/a regarding the cell phone usage. Many passengers have verbally and physically assaulted f/a's with the already allowed usage on the ground. This was a mistake, cell phones should be turned off upon entrance to the a/c. Passengers currently do not hear the safety instructions, because they are on the phone. They would never hear any safety commands if they had the cell phone on during flight.

I have been trained that my number one duty is safety of the passengers and a/c. If you approve cell phone use in air, then you might as well eliminate f/a's on an a/c. We could no longer provide for any safety eliminate on an a/c.

I won't even go into the issue of passenger comfort and the rude conversations.

Again, for safety of passengers and the a/c, this must not be approved.

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